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Comments of James S. Idelson, K1IR

I submit these comments in strong support of the continuation of the amateur radio service with its current licensing structure and spectrum allocations.

Amateur radio provides vital, strategic value to the American public and to the broader economy.

Emergency Communications and National Resilience

Amateur radio operators deliver critical communications support during emergencies and natural disasters when commercial networks fail. Amateur radio provides a resilient, decentralized communications capability that protects lives, property, and commerce - and does so at virtually no cost to the government.

STEM Workforce Development

Amateur radio is a highly effective pathway into science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers. Operators gain hands-on experience with communications, cybersecurity, electronics, and digital systems, skills that translate directly into careers at every level of America's technology economy. Maintaining the amateur service supports the pipeline of talent essential for the future of U.S. innovation and competitiveness.

Innovation and Experimentation

The amateur bands serve as a living laboratory for innovation, enabling experimentation that has historically led to commercial advances, from digital communications to wireless networking. Protecting this space ensures that the United States remains a global leader in wireless technology development.

Minimal Regulatory Cost

The amateur service imposes little to no cost on the Commission. Licensing is handled through volunteer examiners, and enforcement is rare and largely managed by the community itself. The return on public value per dollar of government investment is unmatched by any other communications service.

Supporting Amateur Radio Strengthens America's Economy

Amateur radio is not an obstacle to commercial progress - it is an essential foundation for it. It grows the STEM workforce, protects critical infrastructure, fosters public trust in wireless technology, and drives innovation. Eliminating or diminishing the amateur radio service would be a short-sighted move that undermines America’s long-term economic strength and national resilience.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to continue supporting the amateur radio service as it exists today - preserving an essential national asset that benefits the American people and the American economy.

Respectfully submitted,
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